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Summary

The present report provides details on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH). The inventory value of the assets of the Mission as at 31 December 2002 amounted to $59,564,700. The disposition of the assets of UNMIBH has been undertaken in accordance with United Nations Financial Regulation 5.14.

Summary of the final disposition of assets of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Inventory value*	*Percentage*
Group I: Transferred to other missions or for temporary storage to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	28 369.3	47.6
Group II: Disposed of in the Mission area	28 668.8	48.1
Group III: Written-off/stolen	2 526.6	4.3
Total	**59 564.7**	**100.0**

The action to be taken by the General Assembly, as set out in paragraph 8 of the present report, is to take note of the present report on the final disposition of the assets of UNMIBH.

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I. Introduction

1. The present report contains information on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), whose mandate expired on 31 December 2002.

II. Classification and disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

2. The process of liquidating the assets of UNMIBH was guided by the following principles and policies contained in United Nations Financial Regulation 5.14:

(a) Equipment in good condition that conforms to established standardization or is considered compatible with existing equipment will be redeployed to other peacekeeping operations or will be placed in reserve to form start-up kits for use by future missions;

(b) Equipment not required for current or future peacekeeping operations may be redeployed to other United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions, provided that there is a demonstrated need for the equipment;

(c) Equipment not required for current or future peacekeeping operations or other United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions but which may be useful for the operations of other United Nations agencies, international organizations or non-governmental organizations will be sold to such agencies or organizations;

(d) Any equipment or property not required or which is not feasible to dispose of in accordance with subparagraphs (a), (b) or (c) above or which is in poor condition will be subject to commercial disposal in accordance with the procedures applicable to other United Nations equipment or property;

(e) Any assets which have been installed in a country and which, if dismantled, would set back the rehabilitation of that country shall be provided to the duly recognized Government of that country in return for compensation in a form to be agreed by the Organization and the Government. This refers in particular to airfield installations and equipment, buildings, bridges and mine-clearing equipment. Where such assets cannot be disposed of in this manner or otherwise, they will be contributed free of charge to the Government of the country concerned. Such contributions require the prior approval of the General Assembly.

3. On the basis of the inventory records as at 31 December 2002, the assets of UNMIBH amounted to an inventory value of $59,564,700. These assets have been grouped into 16 categories of equipment presented in standard peacekeeping operation budgets: accommodation equipment, air traffic control equipment, communications equipment, data-processing equipment, field defence equipment, generators, medical equipment, miscellaneous equipment, observation equipment, office equipment, petrol tank plus metering equipment, prefabricated buildings, refrigeration equipment, vehicular equipment, water and septic tanks and water purification equipment.

4. In accordance with the principles and policies recalled in paragraph 2 above, the assets of UNMIBH have been placed into three groups as presented in summarized form in table 1 below.

Table 1
Summary of the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Inventory value*
Transferred to other missions or for temporary storage to the United Nations Logistics Base (UNLB) at Brindisi	28 369.3
Disposed of in the Mission area	
Sold	21 793.6
Donated	6 875.2
Written-off	2 475.5
Stolen	51.1
Total	**59 564.7**

5. Group I includes assets identified as meeting the requirements of peacekeeping operations or United Nations activities funded from assessed contributions. The items in this group, with an inventory value of $28,369,300 (47.6 per cent of total asset value), have been transferred to other United Nations missions, United Nations Headquarters and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, for temporary storage pending future use.

6. Group II consists of assets with an inventory value of $28,668,800, representing 48.1 per cent of the total inventory value of UNMIBH assets. It includes two subgroups: II (a) items sold ($21,793,600) and II (b) items donated ($6,875,200) as follows:

(a) Subgroup II (a), with an inventory value of $21,793,600, representing 36.6 per cent of the total asset value, consists of assets sold locally and at depreciated value to United Nations offices, programmes and agencies for extrabudgetary programmes and to international organizations as well as private companies and individuals. The amount of $4,875,700, representing the proceeds of sale, was credited as miscellaneous income to the UNMIBH Special Account (see table 2);

(b) Subgroup II (b) consists of non-lethal assets with an inventory value of $6,875,200 and representing 11.5 per cent of total assets. These assets have been donated to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This donation was approved by the General Assembly in its decision 57/559 of 20 December 2002.

7. The value of the assets in group III totals $2,526,600, representing 4.3 per cent of the total asset inventory value. These assets have been written-off as a result of accidents and damage caused by natural elements and acts of war, obsolescence and loss owing to theft. Information on all items in the various categories of assets written-off are summarized in table 3.

Table 2
Sale of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Sold to	*Inventory value*	*Sale value*
United Nations agencies, international organizations and non-governmental organizations	872.0	417.4
Private companies and individuals	20 921.6	4 458.3
Total	**21 793.6**	**4 875.7**

Table 3
Written-off United Nations property reported by the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Inventory value*	*Residual value*
Condemned	77.1	28.1
Unaccounted for	42.0	13.7
Normal wear	2 086.8	554.0
Accident	60.9	33.0
Reported lost	45.1	17.3
Unacknowledged transfers	22.1	5.2
Damage	4.8	2.4
Uneconomical to recover	136.7	41.4
Theft	51.1	29.8
Total	**2 526.6**	**724.9**

III. Action to be taken by the General Assembly

8. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly is to take note of the present report on the final disposition of the assets of UNMIBH.**